GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR REPRODUCTIVE AND CHILD HEALTH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank proposed to provide financial- assistance under the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether population-growth has been brought under check on account of this programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b): The World Bank funded Reproductive and Child Health Programme launched in 1997 is currently under implementation. The first phase of the programme is closing in March, 2003, which is likely to be extended upto December, 2003. The details of assistance provided by the World Bank for this Programme is as under :

Year	Funds provided (in Rs. crores)
1998-99	13.75
1999-00	171.55
2000-01	103.35
2001-02	327.26
2002-03 (till date)	110.00

Further, the World Bank has been approached to provide assistance for the successor phase of the RCH Programme during 2003-2008 period.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. As may be seen from the declining natural growth in the population over the years.

Year	Natural Growth Rate percent
1997	1.83
1998	1.75
1999	1.74
2000	1.73

Source: Sample Registration System